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THE FOLLOWING, EXTRACTED FROM THE IG REPORT OF FEB 1962,
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"18. THE U-2 FACILITY AT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE: THE
 AGENCY'S PRINCIPAL PRESENT INSTALLATION FOR MOUNTING
 MANNED OVERFLIGHTS OF DENIED TERRITORY IS THE DPD
 STATION AT EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, 40 MILES NORTH OF
 LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, THE STATION HAS A [REDACTED] PLUS
 [REDACTED] TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCKHEED AND OTHER
 COMPANIES AND [REDACTED] THERE ARE TWO
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SQUADRON PROVISIONAL 4 (WRSP-4). ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED IN JUNE 1957, THE UNIT ABSORBED THE FUNCTIONS OF OTHER BASES AS THEY WERE PHASED OUT AND IS NOW THE ONLY REMAINING U-2 BASE EXCEPT FOR THE TACKLE PROJECT.

"19. THE U-2 FACILITY IS A CLUSTER OF HANGARS AND OFFICE BUILDINGS IN A REMOTE LOCATION AT THE NORTH END OF THE BASE AND DRY LAKE AREA. ENLISTED MEN, AGENCY PERSONNEL AND TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVES ARE HOUSED OFF BASE WITH THE RESULT THAT MOST HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO MAKE THE 80 MILE ROUND TRIP TO LANCASTER DAILY.

"20. WITH THE RECENT RETURN OF THE U-2 BASED AT ADANA, TURKEY, THERE ARE SIX U-2'S UNDER STATION MANAGEMENT. ALL SIX ARE EXPECTED TO BE POWERED WITH THE J-75 ENGINE BY THE END OF THE PRESENT FISCAL YEAR. THREE OF THE AIRCRAFT HAVE COMPLETED OR ARE IN PROCESS OF BEING RECONFIGURED FOR

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IN-FLIGHT REFUELING (IFR) AND SINGLE SIDE-BAND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS. MODIFICATIONS AND MAJOR MAINTENANCE ARE PERFORMED BY LOCKHEED AT ITS BURBANK PLANT.

"21. THE EDWARDS STATION HAS CONDUCTED ALL U-2 OVER-FLIGHTS OF DENIED TERRITORY SUBSEQUENT TO 1 MAY 1960 INCLUDING AS OF DECEMBER 1961, 29 OVERFLIGHTS OF CUBA, TWO OF THE DOMINICA REPUBLIC AND TWO OVER NORTH VIETNAM. THE EDWARDS AIRCRAFT

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"22. THE EDWARDS BASE IS EFFICIENTLY OPERATED AND FULLY CAPABLE OF PERFORMING ITS MISSION. CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT HAD BEEN GIVEN BOTH AT THE BASE AND AT HEADQUARTERS TO EASING THE STAFF COMMUTING PROBLEM PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH AFTER-HOURS DUTY. NO FULLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS HAVE BEEN FOUND. THE IG TEAM SUGGESTED THAT CONSTRUCTION OF ON-BASE HOUSING OR USE OF HOUSE TRAILERS BE EXPLORED. . . .

"27. SUMMARY OBSERVATIONS ON IDEALIST: IDEALIST STANDS OUT TODAY AS A PROJECT THAT ACHIEVED BRILLIANT RESULTS THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF A NEW APPROACH TO PEACETIME INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION. INNOVATION WAS NOT LIMITED TO THE AIRCRAFT AND CAMERAS ALONE. IT INCLUDED THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW COMMAND AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND THE EMPLOYMENT OF NEW IDEAS FOR DOING BUSINESS WITH SUPPLIERS. IT EMPLOYED OR DREW ON THE SERVICES OF A SELECT GROUP OF

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TALENTED INDIVIDUALS AND PROVIDED THEM WITH DRIVING, IMAGINATI
LEADERSHIP.

"28. THE LOSS OF THE U-2 OVER RUSSIA IN MAY 1960 INDICATED
A GROWING VULNERABILITY OF THE AIRCRAFT WHICH NOW RESTRICTS
ITS USE AGAINST FIRST-CLASS AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS TO SITUATIONS
OF EXTREME EMERGENCY. IT MAY CONTINUE TO HAVE USEFULNESS
AGAINST SECOND-RATE DEFENSE SYSTEMS FOR SOME TIME TO COME
BUT MEANWHILE SUPERIOR VEHICLES ARE BEING SOUGHT UNDER
OTHER PROGRAMS WHICH COULD DISPLACE IT ENTIRELY IN A MATTER
OF A FEW YEARS.

"29. FROM THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY POINT OF VIEW,
WE BELIEVE THAT THE NEED IS NOW DISAPPEARING FOR AGENCY
OPERATION OF U. S. BASED U-2'S SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE
U-2 STRATEGIC WING MAINTAINED BY THE AIR FORCE AT LAUGHLIN
AIR FORCE BASE, DEL RIO, TEXAS. THE REQUIREMENTS AND FILM

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